

Opening Statement

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[Chairman Pallone: Is there anyone else seeking recognition for an opening statement?]

- Mr. Chairman I'd like to be recognized for an opening statement.

[Chairman Pallone: The Gentleman from Indiana, Mr. Pence, is recognized]

- Thank you Chairman Pallone and Ranking Member Rodgers for holding this markup today.
- The 24 bills under consideration touch everything from opioid abuse and maternal health to protecting our telecommunication networks from national security threats.

- I'd like to take a moment to rise in support of the work this committee has produced on a bipartisan basis.
- I'm proud to be part of an esteemed committee that can put partisan differences aside for the sake of our constituents.
- It is clear with the slate of bills before us today that we are more productive for the American people when we work across party lines.
- I want to thank my colleagues for their work in moving these bills forward, including the Secure Equipment Act, which I am proud to have joined as a cosponsor with Congressman Scalise and Congresswoman Eshoo
- I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to continue down this bipartisan path.
- I yield back.